

Introduction

In December 2001, the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) submitted an application for a new Home and Community-Based Support Services Waiver for Persons with Developmental Disabilities to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). This Waiver is effective April 1, 2002.

This waiver differs from Indiana's Waiver for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (DD Waiver) by offering services needed primarily to individuals who are living at home with their families. Additionally, there is an annual allowance of waiver services .

Services on the new Waiver as reported to CMS are:

- Respite Care;
- Community Habilitation and Participation;
- Supported Employment;
- Pre-Vocational Services;
- Personal Emergency Response Systems;
- Skilled Services;
- Transportation;
- Adult Day Services;
- Medical Equipment and Supplies; and
- Day Habilitation;
- Family and Caregiver Training
- Rent and Food for Unrelated Live-In Caregiver

Specific services will be defined in this manual. Sections 1-6 outline the roles of various entities in the Support Services Waiver program, provide service definitions, qualifications, and rates, while sections 7 - 8 address case management processes. Section 9 describes the newly established quality improvement system, and the remainder of the manual contains current policies on Hearings and Appeals, Person-Centered Planning, Incident Reporting, the Support Plan, Provider/Case Management Standards, the complaint process, as well as, a Consumer Guide and "Who's Who" in the world of Medicaid waivers for persons with developmental disabilities.

Revisions to the manual will be made as changes or additions/deletions occur. The particular section/page(s) of the manual will be revised and distributed to all who utilize the manual and will be posted on the web at www.in.gov/FSSA/. Removing, replacing or adding information to the manual as changes occur, will be essential to assure programming that is appropriate, safe, responsive to needs, and cost-effective.